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3. Electing Officers.
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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR, - - - - - - T. W. DICKEY.
CLERK, - - - - - - - P. J. FUNKHOUSER.

Next Session.

The next session will be held with Indian Prairie Church, Wayne County, Illinois, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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Rules of Decorum.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2 A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

ART. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in debate and shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject; he shall in nowise reflect on other speakers, but shall plainly give his own views of the case, and when done speaking shall take his seat.

ART. 4. No member of the Association shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 5. No member shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

ART. 6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the person who made the motion.

ART. 7. No member shall address another by any other name than that of Brother.

ART. 8. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he fills the chair.

ART. 9. Any person violating any of the foregoing rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the mildness of the Gospel, shall be reproved, or such other course may be taken as the Association may think best.

ART. 10. Alterations or amendments may be made to these rules at any regular meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Constitution of the Mt. Erie Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as **The Mt. Erie Association**, and shall be composed of three messengers from each church, together with the ordained ministers holding membership with said churches.

ART. 2. It shall be the duty of the several churches of this body to furnish letters certifying as to their messengers, the number in full fellowship, those baptized, received and dismissed by letters, excluded and dead, since the last Association, and their number of ordained and licensed ministers, if any, together with their postoffice address, and an annual financial report of the church. Also the name of the church, clerk and postoffice address, day of church meeting and annual Sunday School report.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, said Moderator and Treasurer to be elected annually, and the Clerk for an indefinite time, by a private ballot, the one receiving the greatest number of votes to be declared elected.

ART. 4. When any church desires admittance into this body, application must be made by letter and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith by order. This being done, and a vote of their acceptance, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to the messengers, if any present, the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. The churches composing this body are expected to contribute an amount each year, in proportion to their membership, to defray the expenses of printing minutes, the Clerk and Treasurer to see to the printing and distributing the same to the churches in proportion to the amount contributed.

ART. 6. The Association shall have power to drop from her membership any church which may become heterodox in faith or unchristian in practice.

ART. 7. This Association shall be an advisory body, and its object shall be to promote the happiness and prosperity of the churches, and to supply the destitute in our bounds with the preaching of the gospel, and to this end we will give cheerfully of our means as God hath prospered us.

ART. 8. This Association shall have power to adjourn till any time and to any place that may be thought best.

ART. 9. This Association agrees to do all her business by majority vote, except the reception of churches, which shall be unanimous; altering or amending the constitution, which may be done by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the body.

MINUTES

OF

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

THE MT. ERIE ASSOCIATION,

Held September 20 and 21, A. D. 1895.

Friday Morning Session, 10 o'clock.

The Mt. Erie Missionary Baptist Association of Illinois assembled in its thirteenth annual session at Bloom Missionary Baptist Church house, Clay County, Illinois, on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September, A. D. 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Association was called to order by Elder T. W. Dickey, former Moderator. After devotional exercises and prayer by Elder G. W. Danbury, the Association proceeded to business. The annual sermon was preached by Elder W. H. McCann, alternate, Elder W. J. Anderson being absent at the usual hour, 10 o'clock A. M. The text, 28th chapter of Matthew, 19th and 20th verses, reads as follows: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," &c. Topic: "The Commission."

The Moderator appointed to read church letters G. W. Danbury and B. F. Rodman. Letters called for and read, and messengers' names enrolled, as follows:

Arrington—Elder J. T. Dickey, Bros. James Manahan, T. K. Robins.
Barnhill—By letter.
Bloom—Bros. T M. Broyles, William Foster, William Hammer.
Bethany—Bros. Thomas Fry, Peter Croughan, Sister E. Stoddard.
Browns—By letter.
Enterprise—Bros. S. Howell, W. P. Grindstaff, T. J. Mayes.
Grayville—Bro Levi T. Johnson.

Indian Prairie—Sister Fanney Golden, Bros. W. H. Cloyed Charles Towsley.

Keenville—Bros. O. E. Gardner, S. H. Keen.

Sims—Bros J. S. Bright, A. M. Singleterry, J. M. Singleterry.

Macedonia—Bros. S. H. Sams, William Harrison, Sister Emma Harrison.

Mt. Carmel—By letter.

New Massilon—Not represented.

Olive Branch—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. W. and Sister Cumton.

Pleasant Valley—Bro. G. W. Baity.

Salem—Bro. P J. and Sister S A. Funkhouser.

Six Mile—Elder B. M. Garner, Bros S. T. Meritt, H. B. Massey.

Samaria—Bro. Elie and Sister Lucretia Bailey

Unity—Bros. James D. Million, Louis Million, John A. McCann.

Ziff—Bros. J N. Brummet, W. P. Brummet, M. T. Hornbuckle.

Zion—Disbanded.

The Clerk, P. J. Funkhouser, tendered his resignation as Clerk of the Association.

The Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder T. W. Dickey, Moderator; P. J. Funkhouser, Clerk.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder B. F. Rodman.

Friday Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. Teague,

Invitations given to new churches to join our body. The First Baptist Church of Grayville presented their letter. On motion, the church received and messengers' names enrolled. Mt. Zion church sent their letter to the Clerk to be received into the Association, and by an action of that body I received their letter and enrolled the name.

Visiting brethren and sisters from sister Associations invited to take seats with us as follows:

Big Saline—No response.

Franklin—No response.

Fairfield—No response.

Louisville—Bro. G. R. Porter, Elder W. B. Lively.

J. F. Baker, Missionary and Colporter of American Baptist Publication Society.

Williamson—No response.

Salem South—Elder J. A. Porter, Bro. John Baity, Elders G. W. Jones, R. D. Ethridge.

Olney—No response.

General Association--Elders B. F. Rodman, DuQuoin; M. Teague, DuQuoin, Ills.

Centralia—No response.

Elder G. W. Danbury, representing the State Sunday School work and the American Baptist Publication Society; Elder M. Teague, representing and working for the Baptist Banner, of DuQuoin, Ills.; Dr. J. A. Leavett, representing Ewing College and Baptist Scintillations, of Ewing, Ills.; Dr. C. F. Tolman, Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, 69 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ills.; Elder J. F. Baker, representing the Baptist Publication Society and Bible work of Illinois.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—Elder C. S. Crabtree, Brothers T. M. Broyles, William Foster and William Hammer.

On Finance—Bros. James Manahan, John Brummet and T. J. Mayes.

On Religious Literature—Elders M. Teague, H. B. Davis and J. F. Baker.

On Sunday Schools—Elders G. W. Danbury, W. H. McCann and Bro. P. Scott.

On Home Missions—Elders M. Teague, T. W. Dickey and W. H. McCann.

On Foreign Missions—Elders W. B. Lively, A. Laughlan and J. F. Baker.

On Domestic Missions—Elders W. H. McCann, J. T. Dickey and G. W. Jones.

On Education—Elders M. Teague, G. W. Danbury and B. F. Rodman.

On Obituaries—Bro. J. S. Bright, Elder J. T. Dickey and Bro. J. D. Million.

On State Missions—Elders B. F. Rodman, C. S. Crabtree and B. M. Garner.

On Resolutions—Elders C. S. Crabtree, B. F. Rodman and Bro. J. L. Dickey.

To Write Corresponding Letter—Bro. P. J. Funkhouser.

The Association suspended business to hear Doctrinal Sermon.

On motion, Elder G. W. Danbury preached the Doctrinal Sermon in the place of Elder C. S. Crabtree, he being excused by the Association. Text, 8th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, 24th verse, and reads as follows: "Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love," &c.

It was moved that the Association investigate the resolution which was handed in by Six Mile Church. Motion carried.

On motion, this matter was referred to a committee of five, to be by them investigated, and report at the meeting of this session of the

Association. Elders G. W. Danbury, B F Rodman, J. F. Baker, W. B. Lively and M. Teague were appointed such committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises appointed to preach at night at the church Elders M. Teague and R D. Ethridge.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock P. M, prayer by B. M. Garner.

Friday Night Session, 7:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder J. F. Baker.

The committee appointed to investigate the Six Mile Church difficulty reported. Report reads as follows:

Your committee appointed to investigate the query sent in by the minority of Six Mile Church, would report as follows: That inasmuch as a respectable minority of Six Mile Church is dissatisfied with the action of said church, therefore we, your committee, would recommend that the Six Mile Church call a representative council to adjust their difficulties. [Signed by the committee]

ELDER G. W. DANBURY, Chairman.

ELDER B. F. RODMAN, Secretary.

The business of the Association was suspended to hear a sermon delivered by Elders M. Teague and Ethridge. Text, 3rd chapter and 15th verse of 1st Peter, and reads as follows: "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts," &c.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Saturday, benediction by Elder M. Teague.

Saturday Morning Session, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder W. B. Lively.

Reports of committees called for.

Committees reported as follows:

On Sunday Schools—Report read, received and adopted.

On Home Missions—Report read, received and adopted, and a collection taken up and received $3.20.

On Finance—Report read, received and adopted, and a collection taken up to finish the amount needed for printing minutes, amounting to $4.71.

On Foreign Missions—Report read, received and adopted, and a collection taken up amounting to $4 56.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at night (Saturday) Elder J. H. Baker.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2:30 o'clock P. M. Benediction by J. A. Leavett.

Saturday Afternoon Session, 2:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Dr. C. F. Tolman.

Reports of committees continued.

On Religious Literature—Report read, received and adopted.

On State Missions—Report read, received and adopted, and a collection taken up and received amounting to $11.75 in pledges and money.

On Obituaries—Report read, received and adopted.

Miscellaneous business:

On Education—Report read, received and adopted.

On motion that the Association select the place to hold the next Association, Indian Prairie Church, Wayne County, Illinois, was chosen.

Zion is disbanded and the name of the church dropped from the list, and Liberty Branch Church has changed the name to Sims.

On Domestic Missions—Report read, received and adopted.

On motion, the report of the Missionary, H. P. Belangie, was adopted in the report of the Missionary Board report.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 7:30 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Dr. C. F. Tolman.

Saturday Night Session, 7:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Bro. James Yates.

Miscellaneous business continued.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a Missionary Board, consisting of W. C. Stacer, J. T. Dickey and P. J. Funkhouser.

On motion, this Association authorized the Clerk to receive the letter, if presented, that had been prepared and messengers chosen, of a little church called Mt. Zion into this Association, and record the same in the minutes.

On motion, the Association authorized the Missionary Board to assess the amount that they think is sufficient or necessary to pay a Missionary according to the number of members in each church, and the Pastors and Deacons help to raise the money from the churches.

The Moderator appointed Bro. James Yates President of the First Sunday School District of the Mt. Erie Association in the place of Elder J. P. Asa.

Corresponding Letter read, received and adopted.

On Resolutions—First resolution read and adopted. Second resolution read and adopted. Third resolution read and adopted. Fourth resolution read and adopted.

On motion that the Association select some one to preach the annual and doctrinal sermons, resulted in the choice of Elder C. S. Crabtree, annual, H. P. Belangie, alternate; doctrinal sermon, Elder W. H. McCann, alternate, W. C. Stacer.

Correspondents volunteered to visit sister associations as follows:
Big Saline—Elders W. C. Stacer, C. S Crabtree.
Franklin—Elders W. H. McCann, Philip and Sister Martha Scott.
Fairfield—Elder T. W. Dickey, P. J. Funkhouser.
Louisville—Elder A. Laughlin.
Williamson—No response.
Salem South—No response.
Olney—Bro. James Yates, S. H. Sams.
Centralia—No response.
General Association—No response.
Women Mission Society—No response.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Indian Prairie Church, Wayne County, Illinois, on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M. The church is one and one-half miles northeast of Rinard, a little station on the O. & M. R. R. There will be conveyance from the station to the church at every incoming train.

The Association being through with the business, Elder J. F. Baker proceeded to preach a sermon from Mark, 1st chapter and the latter clause of the 15th verse, and reads as follows: "Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

Sunday Morning, 9:30 o'clock.

The Committee on Religious Exercises appointed to conduct a S. S. mass meeting at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Elder G. W. Danbury, and after he got through a collection was taken for State Sunday School work, which amounted to $1.50. At 10:30 o'clock Elder B. F. Rodman preached to a large and attentative congregation from the text: 34th chapter and 26th verse of Ezekiel, and reads as follows: "And I will make them, and the places round about my hill, a blessing," &c., and then the Association sang a song and extended the parting hand to all in the house, and there was a good state of feeling with the brethren and sisters on account of God's holy spirit in our midst.

By the Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Reports of committees called for and read as follows:

ON FINANCE.—The Committee on Finance would report as follows: Amount received for printing and distributing minutes 1894, $21.48. Paid for printing, $12.00; for distributing the same and paper, $2.10, making $14.10; balance left Clerk, $7.38 for his work. Received for printing and distributing minutes from the churches 1895, $26.34; the balance to pay for printing and the Clerk was made up by visiting brethren, amounting to $1.05, making a total of $27.39.

T. J. MAYES,
J. N. BRUMMET,
JAMES MANAHAN, } Committee.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—We, your committee on Domestic Missions would recommend the following: Organized by appointing Elder W. H. McCann, Chairman; W. C. Stacer, Secretary, and J. T. Dickey, Treasurer. Then employed Elder H. P. Belangie as Missionary to travel within the bounds of Mt. Erie Association at the rate of $1 per day for time worked, and to be allowed wages for going to said places. He submits the following report to the Board:

"Number of days' service, 71; church organized, 1; sermons preached, 56; number baptized, 15; number of professions, 91; Sunday Schools organized, 1; prayer meetings held and attended, 40; miles traveled, 200; received on field, $16.55; due me from the Board for 71 days' labor, $71.00; received from the Board, $71.00, including that collected on the field "

Amounts paid to Board by churches and pledges by individuals are as follows: Arrington, $3.70, Bethany, $2 05; Barnhill, $3.93; Bloom, $3.50; Six Mile, $1 00; Indian Prairie, $2 00; Mt. Carmel, $2.00; Unity, $8.80; Sims, $2.50. Total paid by churches, $29.48. Amounts paid by individuals: D. D. Dickey, $5 00; Jacob Shumake, $1.00; T. K Robins, $5.00; P. J Funkhouser, $3.00; William Maberry, $5 00; J. T. Funkhouser, 25 cents; L. Laughlin, $2 00; Martha Scott, $1.00: William Stephens, $2 00; Philip Scott, 72 cents; G. W. Danbury, $3.00. Total amount received by individuals, $27.97. Total amount from all sources, $74 00. Board paid out and to whom paid: H. P. Belangie, $71.00; paid by Missionary Board of Mt. Erie Association, $3 00 for Baptist State Sunday School work of Illinois, that being a balance left in the treasury.

The following ministers did missionary work as follows: T. W. Dickey, 39 days; J T. Dickey, 13 days; C. S. Crabtree, 14 days; A. Laughlin, 5 days; W. H. McCann, 5 days.

W. H. MCCANN,
J. T DICKEY,
W. C. STACER, } Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.—Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following report: The Baptist General Association of Illinois has been greatly blessed in the work during the present year. Eight new churches have been organized; about forty missionaries have been laboring to sustain these and other weak churches, but there is yet much ground to be occupied. There are three entire counties, 14 county seats and more than 100 towns with a population of 1,000 and upward, without Baptist churches and Baptist preaching. In view of the foregoing facts, and inasmuch as the society has been aiding Mt. Carmel church in our bounds, we pledge ourselves as pastors and messengers to present the claims of the Baptist General Association to our churches annually. Then a collection was taken up in money and pledges as follows: A. Laughlin, $1.00; Solomon Yates, $1.00, paid; James Broyles, $1.00, paid; James Yates, $1.00, paid; M. Hornbuckle, $1.00, paid; P. J. Funkhouser, $1.00, paid; Arrington, $1.00, paid; Samaria, 50 cents, paid; Pleasant Valley, 50 cents, pledged; Sister S. R. Meek, 50 cents, pledged; by collection, $2.00; W. H. McCann paid $1.00, and 25 cents was paid by some one else. Total, $11.75.

B. F. RODMAN,
B. M. GARNER,
C. S. CRABTREE,
} Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would report the following: We find, from the letters sent in from the churches, the following facts: Schools reported, 15; officers and teachers, 119; scholars enrolled, 793; average attendance, 510; baptisms from the schools, 24. We would recommend the same plan of general work as last year, and inasmuch as this is a time when we are required to "give to every man a reason for our faith," that no pastor or church member is in full discharge of their duty who does not do what he can to advance our Sunday School work; that we again ask our Sunday Schools to make an honest effort to raise at least five cents per member for State Sunday School work, and that we, as our association, hereby express our gratitude to the American Baptist Publication Society for their gift of fifteen hundred dollars per year to our State Sunday School work, and we believe that this society is entitled to at least one collection per year from our churches and Sunday schools.

G. W. DANBURY,
W. H. MCCANN,
PHILIP SCOTT,
} Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.—Your Committee on Home Missions would beg leave to report as follows: Inasmuch as we have no denominational interest, has done more for us as a people, in preaching the gospel and planting and sustaining weak churches in our own and adjacent counties, and is now prosecuting its work in all the States and Territories, also in British Columbia, Manitoba and Mexico, therefore,

Resolved, That we are specially indebted to this pioneer society, not only for what it has already accomplished for us as a denomination, but also for what it is now doing through its earnest and untiring efforts in evangelizing North America, and we believe that fidelity to the interests of our own denomination, and loyalty to the commands of our risen Lord, requires the most hearty co-operation and cordial support of every Baptist, and we most certainly believe that every pastor who neglects to present the claims of the Home Mission Society to his people is unfaithful to his trust; and we further recommend that all our churches make at least one contribution annually to the society.

M. TEAGUE,
W. H. MCCANN, } Committee.
T. W. DICKEY,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—We, your committee on Foreign Missions, would submit the following: (1st) We as a denomination should recognize the authority of Christ the Lord, as expressed in the great commission. (2nd) That we recognize it to be our duty and privilege to labor together for the evangelization of the whole heathen world. (3rd) That the American Baptist Union is our economical agency for this great work. (4th) That we recommend and urge our churches to set apart the months of February and March for the purpose of taking collection for the Foreign Mission work and forward the same to Dr. C. F. Tolman, Chicago, Ills.

J. F. BAKER,
W. B LIVELY, } Committee.
A. LAUGHLIN,

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE —We, your Committee on Religious Literature, would submit the following report; The power of the printing press can no longer be questioned. Let it be well known that we must look to the Baptist press for sound literature. Our Baptist family papers are all good. We especially commend Baptist Scintillations, The American Baptist Flag, The Baptist Union, our Baptist Young People's Union paper, and the Sunday School supplies furnished by our American Baptist Publishing Society. We recommend that all our ministers supply themselves with a one dollar package of the American Baptist Publication Society for free distribution.

H. B. DAVIS,
J. F. BAKER, } Committee.
M. TEAGUE,

ON EDUCATION.—Your Committee on Education would submit the following report: We note with pride the growing interest among our people in educational matters, also the increased facilities now offered our young people in our denominational institutions of learning; and we most heartily commend our denominational

schools to the universal patronage and earnest support of all our people.

G. W. DANBURY,
M. TEAGUE,
B. F. RODMAN,
} Committee.

OBITUARIES.—We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report: Barnhill, 4 deaths—Sister Eliza Meeks died August 10, 1895; Sister Sarah Atterbury died January 2, 1895; Sister Malissa A. Renfro died July 26, 1895; Bro. John E. Wilson died November 24, 1894. Pleasant Valley, 3 deaths.—Sister Cynthia Hammock, Sister Mary C. Hammock, Sister Lula Baker. Unity, 1. Maria M. Million, June 3, 1895. Sims, 1—Nancy Jones, December 31, 1894 Ziff, 3—Bro. F. M. Behymer, Sister Elizabeth Hubble, Bro. Henry West. Macedonia, 2—No names given. Six Mile, 1—Sister Nora Edmonson, June 11, 1895. Enterprise, 1—Name not given. Browns, 1—Sister Lulu Brock. Salem, 2—Sister Eliza J. Turner, September 12, 1895; Sister Emma Gwaltney, February 10, 1895. Arrington, 1—Sister Anna Eliza Dickey departed this life September 17, 1895. Bethany, 1—Name not given. Indian Prairie, 1—Sister Lula B. Yates. Keenville, 3—Bro. D. D. Dickey; the other names not given. Making 24 that have been called away since our last association to reap their rewards.

J. S. BRIGHT,
J. T. DICKEY,
J. D. MILLION,
} Committee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER —Dear Brethren and Sisters: We are having a pleasant, interesting and a very harmonious session with Bloom Church, Clay County, Illinois. We are proud that a good number of Brethren and Sisters from sister associations are with us as corresponding messengers, and we urge that many more visit us during the next session of the association. We are encouraged and feel to rejoice on account of the presence of God's holy spirit in our midst. Brethren and Sisters, come and visit us.

P. J. FUNKHOUSER, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.—Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That the churches of Mt. Erie Association select, or appoint, messengers that will attend the meetings of the Association, and that the churches be requested to increase their contribution for printing and distributing the minutes.

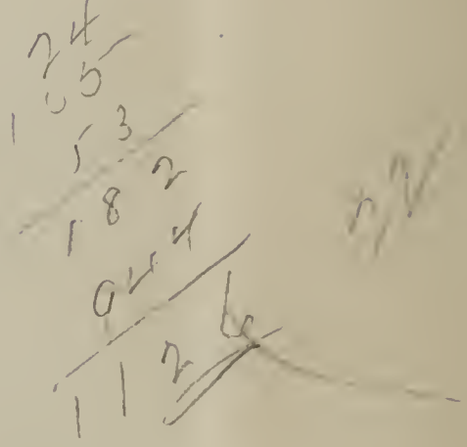
2nd. *Resolved*, That we are opposed to the liquor traffic, as it is the foe of the home and everything good, destroying the prosperity and peace of families and the souls of men; therefore, we will use our influence to destroy it, root and branch.

3rd. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as our church letters to the Association are very defective as to our statistics, we, as an association, adopt the blank letter furnished by the Publication Society, and in-

struct our Clerk to secure the same and furnish the churches with said blank letters, and that we pay him for the same.

4th. *Resolved*, That the sincere thanks of this Association be extended to Bloom Church and friends for kind hospitality in taking care of the messengers and visiting brethren and sisters of sister associations.

C. S. CRABTREE,
B. F. RODMAN,
J. L. DICKEY,
} Committee.



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STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1895.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	When Organized.	Sunday of Meeting	Additions. By Baptism.	Additions. By Letter.	Additions. Restoration.	Diminutions. By Letter.	Diminutions. Excluded.	Diminutions. By Death.	Present Membership.	Property.	Value of Church	Pastors' Salary.	Domestic Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Church Expenses.	Printing Minutes.	Names of Clerks and Post Office Addresses.	Names of Pastors and Post Office Addresses.
Arrington						2		1	65		$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$2 00	J. M. Manahan, Castor, Ill.	J. T. Dickey, Castor, Ill.
Bloom				3		1		1	57									1 59	G. McLaughlin, Flora, Ill.	C. S. Crabtree, Enterprise, Ill.
Barnhill	1876	2	11	1		6	3	4	77		1000	60	3 93	3 57				1 35	R. J. Wilson, Barnhill	J. B. Little, Enfield, Ill.
Bethany	1875	2	1	6		2		1	30							19 50		50	F. M. Fry, Rinard, Ill.	G. W. Jones, Johnsonville, Ill.
Browns	1887	1						1	24					2 10				75	E. H. Brock, Browns, Ill.	W. H. McCann, Albion, Ill.
Enterprise		4	10	4					43									1 25	A. C. Walters, Enterprise, Ill.	A. Laughlin, Rinard, Ill.
Grayville	1895			5	2				7									50	G. T. Finn, Grayville, Ill.	W. H. McCann, Albion, Ill.
Indian Prairie				2			4	1	32		500	75	2 00	2 55				1 50	D. L. Staley, Rinard, Ill.	E. C. Lile, Olney, Ill.
Keenville					2		7	3	70									1 50	G. W. Belangie, Keenville, Ill.	D. S. Fry, Elm Branch, Ill.
Sims			3	7		2	6	1	66			88	2 55	2 26	1 13	61	10 75	1 85	J. S. Bright, Sims, Ill.	W. H. McCann, Albion, Ill.
Mt. Carmel	1891	2	15	6	1	2			42			137				3 07		1 25	W. P. Rapson, Mt. Carmel, Ill.	No Pastor
Mt. Zion	1895		2	3					19										B. J. Grubb, Fairfield, Ill.	H. P. Belangie, p.t. Barnhill, Ill
Macedonia						2		2	33									1 25	S. H. Sams, Parkersburg, Ill.	J. P. Asa, Enterprise, Ill.
New Massilon																				
Olive Branch																				
Pleasant Hill																		1 00		
Pleasant Valley	1887	1	5	2	2	4		3	34			50	19 75					90	S. M. Sedfridts, Springerton, Ill.	B. F. McThompson, McLeansb'o
Salem	1858	2			1	5		2	70			100	3 25	10 00		1 00		2 80	P. J. Funkhouser, Burnt Prairie	T. W. Dickey, Castor, Ill.
Samaria				11		2	1		75			60						1 00	Eli Bailey, Albion, Ill.	W. J. Anderson, Sims, Ill.
Six Mile			2				2	1	51				1 00	4 05				1 50	J. S. Faulkner, Six Mile, Ill.	J. T. Dickey, Castor, Ill.
Unity			2	1	2		1	1	45				8 80	5 25		50		2 00	W. C. Rutherford, Albion, Ill.	W. H. McCann, Albion, Ill.
Ziff				12			2	2	3	88								1 85	W. H. Dennis, Ziff, Ill.	C. S. Crabtree, Enterprise, Ill.
Totals			80	31	9	32	22	24	944		$1500	$490	$41 28	$29 78	$1 39	$24 68	$10 75	$26 34		

ORDAINED MINISTERS—J. P. ASA, CISNEY, ILL.; W. J. ANDERSON, SIMS, ILL.; W. M. FUNKHOUSER, BURNT PRAIRIE, ILL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT OF THE MT. ERIE ASSOCIATION.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	No of Schools.	No Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School.	Home Expenses.	Publication Society.	State Work.
Arrington	J. T. Dickey	Castor, Illinois	1	11	100	55		$ 5 00	$	$ 1 46
Browns	No School									3 26
Barnhill	No Report		1							
Bethany	Peter Crogan	Rinard, Illinois	1	10	30	20		2 19		50
Bloom	H Utterback	Flora, Illinois	1	8	60	45		5 00	1 68	5 00
Enterprise	S Howell	Enterprise, Illinois	1	9	50	37	2	4 78		1 00
Indian Prairie	C. M. Townley	Rinard, Illinois	1	12	100	40		8 40		6 38
Grayville	No School									25
Keenville	No School									
Macedonia	Part of the year		1							
Mt. Carmel	T. P. Rapson	Mt. Carmel, Illinois	1	5	40	35	9			3 07
New Massilon	No School									
Olive Branch	No Report									
Pleasant Hill	No School									
Pleasant Valley	C. M. Sidfrid	Springerton, Illinois	1	10	40	30		2 80		10
Samaria		Albion, Illinois	1	8	50	35	8	6 00		25
Salem	No School									
Sims	J. H. Whitson	Sims, Illinois	1	13	96	73		13 00		5 00
Six Mile	S. T. Merrit	Wayne City, Illinois	1	8	90	50		10 00		25
Unity	W. H. McCann	Albion, Illinois	1	9	35	18		7 76		50
Wabash Mission	C. Bunting	Albion, Illinois	1	6	47	32		3 00		25
Ziff	H. West	Enterprise, Illinois	1	8	55	40	5	12 00		1 60
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Constitution of the Mt. Erie Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as The Mt. Erie Association, and shall be composed of three messengers from each church, together with the ordained ministers holding membership with said churches.

ART 2. It shall be the duty of the several churches of this body to furnish letters certifying as to their messengers, the number in full fellowship, those baptized, received and dismissed by letters, excluded and dead, since the last Association, and their number of ordained and licensed ministers, if any, together with their postoffice address, and an annual financial report of the church; also, the name of the church, clerk and postoffice address, day of church meeting and annual Sunday School report.

ART 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, said Moderator and Treasurer to be elected annually, and the Clerk for an indefinite time, by a private ballot, the one receiving the greatest number of votes to be declared elected.

ART. 4. When any church desires admittance into this body, application must be made by letter and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith by order. This being done, and a vote of their acceptance, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to the messengers, if any present, the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. The churches composing this body are expected to contribute an amount each year in proportion to their membership, to defray the expenses of printing minutes, the Clerk and Treasurer to see to the printing and distributing the same to the churches in proportion to the amount contributed.

ART. 6. The Association shall have power to drop from her membership any church which may become heterodox in faith or unchristian in practice.

ART. 7. This Association shall be an advisory body, and its object shall be to promote the happiness and prosperity of the churches, and to supply the destitute in our bounds with the preaching of the gospel, and to this end we will give cheerfully of our means as God hath prospered us.

ART. 8 This Association shall have power to adjourn till any time and to any place that may be thought best.

ART. 9. This Association agrees to do all her business by majority vote, except the reception of churches, which shall be unanimous; altering or amending the constitution, which may be done by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the body.

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THE MT. ERIE ASSOCIATION,

Held September 25-26, A. D. 1896.

FRIDAY—Morning Session, 10 o'clock.

The Mt. Erie Missionary Baptist Association of Illinois assembled in its fourteenth annual session at Indian Prairie Missionary Baptist Church house, Wayne County, Illinois, on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Association was called to order by Elder T. W. Dickey, former Moderator. After devotional exercises, the Association proceeded to business.

The annual sermon was deferred until a later hour, Elder C. S. Crabtree being absent at the usual hour (10 o'clock A. M.).

The Moderstor appointed to read church letters G. W. Danbury and B. F. Rodman. Letters called for and read, and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Arrington—P. Scott, J. L. Dickey and Sister M. J. Scott.
Bloom—D E. Riggle and Sister Mattie McLaughlin.
Barnhill—Bro. L. W. Hendershott and Sister Alice Hendershott.
Bethany—Elder A. Laughlin, Bro. T. S. Fry and Sister Etha Pediecord.
Browns—Bro. Isaac Mounts and Sister Ann Mounts.
Enterprise—Elder J. P. Asa, Bro. Wm. Stephens and Sister E. J. Stephens.
Grayville—Bros. J. C. Williams and L. T. Johnson.
Indian Prairie—Bros. J. F. Yates, C. W. Marshal and William Gloid.
Keenville—Brother T. Gay.
Mt. Carmel—Bros. T. J. Chambers and H. B. Massey.

Mt. Zion—By Letter.
Macedonia—Bro Reece and Sister D. H Rodgers.
New Massilon—Miner Atterbery, Wm. Harrison and Sister Emma Harrison
Olive Branch—Not represented.
Pleasant Hill—Elder W. C. Stacer.
Pleasant Valley—Bros. W. G. Baity and G. C Griswold.
Salem—Bros. J. B. Bonner, P. J. Funkhouser and Wm. Turner.
Sims—Bro. J. S. Bright and Sister Mary Bright, James Whitson and wife.
Samaria—Bro. Eli Bailey and Sister Delis Bailey.
Six Mile—Bros. S. T. Merritt, J. L Faulkner and M. L. Sanders.
Unity—Bros. J. A. McCann, F. F. Baum and Charles Woodham.
Zift—N. W. Atterbery.

The Association proceeded to the election of Moderator, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. H. McCann.

Visiting Brethren and Sisters from sister Associations invited to take seats with us as follows:

Big Saline—No response.
Franklin—No response.
Fairfield—Elder R. E. Burt and Robert Allen.
Louisville—Elder J. R. Stroud.
Williamson—No response.
Salem South—C. H. Alvis, A. C. Haney and Elder M. C. Stonecipher.
Olney—Elders J. T. Tennison and V. King.
General Association—Elder B. F. Rodman, representing the General Association and State Mission work.
Centralia Association—No response.

Elder G. W Danbery, from Nine Mile Association, representing State Sunday School work and the American Baptist Publication Society. Elder W. P. Throgmorton, from Nine Mile Association, representing the Baptist News, DuQuoin, Ills. Elder J. A. Leavett, representing Ewing College and Southern Baptist Hospital. Elder T. W . Dickey, representing Foreign Missions.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Religious Exercises—Elder J. P. Asa, Bros. J. F. Yates, W. C. and Levi Goulden.
On Finance—Bros. P Scott, J. S. Bright and James Yates.
On Domestic Missions—Elders W. C. Stacer, T. W. Dickey and J. T Dickey.
On State Missions—Elder B. F. Rodman, Bros. T. J. Chambers and H. B. Massey.
On Sunday Schools—Elders G. W. Danbery and H. P. Belangie and Brother Charles Woodham
On Home Missions—Elder T. W. Dickey, and Bros. D. E. Riggle and T. S. Fry.
On Foreign Missions—Elder W. C. Stacer, and Bros. J. L. Dickey and H. B. Massey.
On Religious Literature—Elders W. P. Throgmorton, B. F. Rodman and G. W. Danbery.

On Education—Elders C. S. Crabtree, J. P. Asa and A. Laughlin.
On Obituaries—Bros. N. W. Atterbery, J. B. Bonner and J. C. Williams.
On Resolutions—Elders J. A. Leavett, R. E. Burt and B. D. Esmond.
To Write Corresponding Letter—Elder R. E. Burt.

Invitations given to new churches to join our body.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to revise the Order of Business: Elders C. S. Crabtree, T. W. Dickey and W. C. Stacer

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M., prayer by C. S. Crabtree.

Friday Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder J. R. Stroud.

The annual sermon was preached by Elder H. P. Belangie, alternate, C. S. Crabtree not being present. Text, 1st chapter and 7th verse of Ephesians, and reads as follows: "In whom we have redemption through His blood," &c. Topic, The Redemption of Man.

The business of the Association was suspended to hear Doctrinal Sermon by Elder W. H. McCann. Text, 1st Epistle of John, 3rd chapter, 9th verse, and reads as follows: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," &c.

Two churches in their letters asked for the Association, namely, Bethany and Salem, and by a vote of the Association Salem Church was selected. So the next annual session of this body will be held with Salem Church, White County, Illinois, commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in September, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, that the Association select some one to preach the annual and doctrinal sermons, resulted in the choice of Elder C. S. Crabtree annual, Elder A. Laughlin alternate; Elder W. C. Stacer doctrinal, Elder W. J. Anderson alternate.

Correspondents volunteered to visit sister associations as follows:
Big Saline—W. C. Stacer and P. Scott.
Franklin—W. H. McCann, J. P. Asa, Philip and Sister M. J. Scott.
Fairfield—James Whitson and J. A. Calkin.
Louisville—No response.
Olney—No response.
Salem South—J. S. Bright and B. D. Esmond.
Williamson—No response.
Centralia—No response.
General Association—No response.

Reports of committees called for. Committees reported as follows:

Report of Missionary Board. Report that they promised to pay $10 as part pay for pastor for Mt. Zion Church. Money sent up by the churches $1.94, leaving a balance due and unpaid of $8.06; taken a collection and made up the amount, $8.06. After the debt being paid the board was discharged.

Report of Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the church at night Elders B. F. Rodman and J A. Leavett.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 7:30 o'clock P. M., prayer by Elder J. T. Dickey.

Friday Night Session, 7:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder G. W. Danbery.

Reports of committees continued:

On State Missions—Report read, received and adopted, and after the report was adopted Elder B. M. Rodman preached a sermon on the same, text, 12th chapter and 1st verse of Hebrews, and reads as follows: "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," &c. After the sermon a collection was taken up, amounting to $12.80 in money.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday, prayer by T. W. Dickey.

Saturday Morning Session, 9 o'clock

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by W. C. Stacer.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the church at 10 o'clock Rev. R. E Burt. He declined.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a Missionary Board for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. H. Whitson, J S. Bright and Phillip Scott.

On Finance—Report read, received and adopted. When the amount that is necessary for printing minutes is made up, that being $6.50. Then a collection was taken for same amounting to $6.85.

On Sunday Schools—Report read, received and adopted

On Home Missions—Report read, received and report adopted.

On Education—Report read and with amendment added the report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the church at 7:30 P. M. G. W. Danbery, and on tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 o'clock conduct a Sunday School mass meeting, and at 10:30 o'clock W. P. Throgmorton preach.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M., prayer by C. S. Crabtree.

Saturday Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by J. R. Stroud.

The Association suspended business to hear a sermon preached by Elder R. E. Burt, from Ephesians, 3rd chapter, 8th verse, and reads as follows: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints," &c.

Reports of Committees continued:

On Foreign Missions—Report read, received and adopted, and a collection taken amounting to $2.42.

On Obituaries—Report read, received and report adopted.

On Religious Literature—Report read received and adopted.

Corresponding Letter read, received and adopted.

Committee to Revise the Order of Business—Report read, received and adopted.

On Resolutions—First Resolution—Réport read, received and adopted.

Second Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Third Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Fourth Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Fifth Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Sixth Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Seventh Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

Eighth Resolution—Report read, received and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourn to 7 o'clock P. M., prayer by W P. Throgmorton.

Saturday Night Session, 7 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder Valentine King.

On motion, the resolution in regard to a difficulty between Six Mile and Mt. Carmel churches, be adopted with an amendment added in said report. Motion carried. Report adopted.

On motion, after the sermon by Elder G. W. Danbery, Elder W. P. Throgmorton proceed to raise money by pledges from the churches and individuals to support a missionary for a time in the bounds of Mt. Erie Association, to be paid to the Mt Erie Missionary Board Amount of pledges taken as follows:

Churches.	Per Month.	Individuals.	Per Month.
Unity	$1 00	C. S. Crabtree	$1 00
Sims	2 00	E. Gay	50
Enterprise	1 00	W. P. Throgmorton	1 00
Bloom	2 00	Philip Scott	1 00
Indian Prairie	1 50	G. W. Danbery	1 00
Arrington	1 50	M. J. Scott	25
Salem	1 00	H. P. Belangie	25
Pleasant Hill	1 00	Carrie Crabtree	10
Samaria	50	Della Crabtree	10
Keenville	1 00	Mary Snell	25
Macedonia	1 00	W. Brummett	25
Grayville	50		
Bethany	50		

Individuals.	For the Whole Time.	Individuals.	For the Whole Time.
Fay Scott	25 cents.	G. C Griswould.....	50 cents.
W. G. Baity	50 cents.	T. H Fry.....	50 cents.
S. T. Meritt.....	50 cents.	Sarah E. Robertson ...	50 cents.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., on Sunday, prayer by J. T. Dickey.

Sunday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder V. King.

Sunday School was conducted by G. W. Danbery. Lesson: Acts 2: 22nd to 24th, 29th to 36th verses. At the close a collection was taken for State Sunday School work, receiving $3.07. Sunday School officers were appointed for the ensuing year as follows: First District, Charles Marshal, Rinard; second district, J. S. Bright, Sims; third district, Eli Brock, Browns.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. P. Throgmorton preached an able discourse to a large congregation, text, Eph. 4, 15. Subject, "The Way to Speak the Truth."

The time and places set for the three Sunday School Institutes are as follows: Unity, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November; Bethany, on Friday before the first Sunday in December; the other time not given.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Salem Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1897.

Committee Reports.

Reports of Committees called for and read as follows:

ON FINANCE.—The Committee on Finance would report as follows: Amount received for printing and distributing Minutes 1895, $27.39. Paid for printing Minutes, $12; for distributing the same and paper, $2.80, and to pay Clerk $12. Paid for blank letters to churches and postage for same, 79 cents. Total paid out, $27.59; balance due Clerk, 20 cents. Received for printing and distributing minutes 1896, $27.85, less 20 cents to pay Clerk, $27.65.

P. SCOTT,
J. S BRIGHT, } Committee.
J. F. YATES,

STATE MISSIONS.—Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following report: During the past fifty years the Baptist General Association of Illinois has been faithfully prosecuting missionary work in the State, and many of our churches have been organized and fostered by the society. About fifty missionaries have been under appointment during the present year. The necessity of the work is apparent even in our bounds; and, whereas, the State Board has aided Grayville church by appropriating $50 to assist in paying the pastor, therefore, we recommend that the churches composing Mt. Erie Association have set times each year to contribute to our state work; and we further recommend that an effort be made during this meeting of the Association to raise a part of that the State appropriates within our bounds.

B. F. RODMAN,
T. J. CHAMBERS, } Committee.
H. B. MASSEY,

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Your Committee on Sunday School Work would report the following: The letters report 11 Sunday schools, 84 officers and teachers, 562 scholars enrolled with an average attendance of 418 With 36 conversions from our Sunday schools it shows a loss of 4 schools, 35 officers and teachers, 231 in our enrollment and 92 in the average attendance the past year.

1st. We would recommend that there be as many institutes held the ensuing year as can be made profitable.

2nd. We would urge every pastor to make a special effort to get the churches for which they preach to organize and maintain Sunday schools.

We believe we ought to help carry forward our Baptist State Sunday school work. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to make an honest effort to raise five cents per member to support this work. We believe that every Sunday school should observe Children's Day the second Sunday in June to enable the American Raptist Publication Society to carry forward their mission work, and that bibles may be furnished to the destitute. We recommend that Bible Day be observed the second Sunday in November.

G. W. DANBERY,
H. P. BELANGIE, } Committee.
CHARLES WOODHAM,

ON HOME MISSIONS.—We, your Committee on Home Mission Work, would most respectfully urge the churches to assist the Home Mission Society as far as ability will permit, that the gospel may be first preached to our own countrymen and those flocking to our shores from the old world whose minds are poisoned with the doctrine of Catholicism, anarchy, superstition and the false religions of heathendom, and likewise that the work of Christ be carried to our near neighboring nations. And we would further urge that a subscription be taken up in every church at their regular meeting in June and paid at our Association to the Home Mission Society.

T. W. DICKEY,
W. C. STACER, } Committee.
D. E. RIGGLE,

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, would report as follows:

1st. We feel that in order to carry out the commission given to the church by our Lord, we are bound to support the gospel in heathen lands.

2nd. That we co-operate with, and work through, the American Baptist Missionary Union.

3rd. We, therefore, recommend that our churches take collections in February and March for this work and forward the same to Dr. C. F. Tolman, Chicago, Illinois.

W. C. STACER,
J. L. DICKEY, } Committee.
H. B. MASSEY,

ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE. — Your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches the Sunday School Publication of the American Baptist Publication Society; also, that this Society be patronized in the purchase of books in general.

Resolved, That the Baptist News supplies a long felt want for Illinois Baptists, and that we cordially welcome its publication in our midst; that we advise the members of our churches to subscribe for it, pay for it, and read it regularly; that we urge all our pastors to act as agents for the promotion of its circulation, and that they make regular and frequent reports of their work through its columns.

W. P. THROGMORTON,
B. F. RODMAN, } Committee.
G. W. DANBERY,

ON EDUCATION.—Your Committee on Education would submit the following report: We note with pride the growing interest among our people in educational matters, also the increased facilities now offered our young people in our denominational institutions of learning, and we most heartily commend our denominational schools to the universal patronage and earnest support of all our people, and that we agree to urge Mt. Erie Association to take a collection on a certain day once a year for ministerial aid from the churches and send it to Ewing College.

C. S CRABTREE,
A. LAUGHLIN, } Committee.
J. P. ASA,

ON OBITUARIES.—Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report:

Pleasant Valley—Three deaths: Charley Sidfridts, Sister Mary E. Hiley, Sister E. Rose. Sims--One death: Peter Jones. Samaria —Two deaths: Bro James Orr and Sister Ida Stinett. Pleasant Hill —Three deaths: Deacon J. S. Morris, George Secrest, and one name not given. Mt. Zion—One death: Name not given. Bloom—Two deaths: Sister M. A. Utterbach and Bro. P. V. Hume. Macedonia—One death: Name not given. Salem—One death: Bro. Isaac Magers. Enterprise—One death: Brother John Campbell. Ziff—One death: Name not given. Making 17 of our number called away since our last Association, 7 less than last year.

N. W. ATTERBERY,
J. B. BONNER,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
} Committee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.—Dear Brethren and Sisters: We are now in our 14th annual meeting. Our churches are well represented and their reports are encouraging. We are pleased with the number of brethren present as messengers from Sister Associations. All of our denominational enterprises are well represented. We are encouraged by the presence of the holy spirit. Brethren, pray for us.

R. E. BURT, Committee.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—

WHEREAS, There is a difference between two churches of this body, namely, Six Mile and Mt. Carmel, which affects the fraternal relations which ought to exist between the two; and,

WHEREAS, The difficulty is liable to spread and involve more or less other churches in our body; wherefore,

Resolved, That we advise these two churches to appoint each a committee to consist of three members to sit with a council to be made up of members of this body, each church selecting one member; council to meet at such time and place as the two committees from the aggrieved churches may agree upon; that this council learn all the facts in the case and then proceed to recommend the proper course to be pursued. And we further advise that the two churches each agree in advance to accept the decision of this council as a final settlement.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this body transmit at once to Six Mile and Mt. Carmel churches a copy of these resolutions.

Given by the Clerk.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Baptists of this country owe their rapid growth to the missionary spirit, and that such spirit is a vital characteristic of christianity; and,

WHEREAS, We fear that there is a decline of that spirit among us; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we recognize the fact that it is a part of our mission to evangelize the world, and that we request our pastors to preach at least one sermon a quarter, the object of which shall be

the inculcation of this spirit and the advancement of some department of our missionary work, and that we urge all of our brethren to aid financially in this great work according to their ability.

Given.

Resolved 2nd, That we commend to our people the plan recently formulated by the representatives of our denominational societies for the sytematizing of our church benevolence. Given.

Resolved 3rd, That inasmuch as the American Baptist Publication Society has for years past been aiding our Sunday School and colporter work in this State, we believe that all of our churches should make annual collections to aid the society in doing their mission work Given.

Resolved 4th, That we rejoice in the work that is being done for the bodies of men, and that we cordially recommend to the patronage of the public our St. Louis Baptist Hospital under the superintendence of our brother, C. C. Morris. Given.

Resolved 5th. That we are unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic, and pledge ourselves to the use of all honorable means for its speedy annihilation. Given.

WHEREAS, The University of Chicago is creditably reported as teaching themes concerning the word of God which are contrary to the faith of Baptists; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harper, its President, has advocated what is called "The Higher Criticism" in such a way as to throw discredit on on the bible narratives; therefore,

Resolved 6th, That we advise our ministers and churches to withhold from the said university all patronage and support until such time as its teaching conforms to the old Baptist faith concerning the word of God.

Resolved 7th, That we censure the course of Dr. Whitsitt in making public his so-called new discovery in Baptists; that we do not regard his discovery as true; and that in our judgment he should be removed from the presidency of the Seminary, and that in case this is not done Baptists should withhold from said Seminary all patronage and support. Given.

Resolved 8th, That we extend a vote of thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Indian Prairie Church for their generous hospitality in taking care of the Association.

J. A. LEAVETT,
R. E. BURT,
B. D. ESMOND,
} Committee.

Statistical Table for the Year 1896.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	When Organized...	Sunday of Meeting	Additions. By Baptism..	Additions. By Letter.....	Additions. Restoration..	Diminutions. By Letter....	Diminutions. Excluded.....	Diminutions. By Death.....	Present Membership.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity..	State Missions.....	Domestic Missions	Home Missions....	Foreign Missions..	Church Expenses..	Printing Minutes..	Names of Clerks and P. O. Addresses in Illinois.	Names of Pastors and P. O. Addresses in Illinois.
Arrington.....	....	4	...	..	..	..	1	1	63	$ 540	300	$ ...	$....	$....	$....	$ 55 00	$ 1 00	J. M. Manahan, Clarkson...	H. P. Belangie, Sims.....
Bloom..... ..	1860	2	35	6	1	1	..	2	113	600	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 00	1 50	George McLaughlin, Flora..	C. S. Crabtree, Flora.....
Barnhill.....	1876	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	77	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	R. J. Wilson, Barnhill.....	T. W. Dickey, Castor.....
Bethany..	1887	1	...	..	1	2	1	..	27	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	F. M. Fry, Johnsonville.	D. S. Fry, Johnsonville.....
Browns..	1887	1	...	..	1	..	2	..	22	1000	150	1 50	.....	.....	.....	60 00	2 00	E. H. Brock, Browns.....	W. H. McCann, Albion.....
Enterprise.....	1881	4	14	1	1	5	..	1	55	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00	1 50	L. K. Secrest, Enterprise....	A. Laughlin, Rinard.....
Grayville.....	1895	4	...	..	1	..	..	..	8	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	1 00	John C. Williams, Grayville	W. H. McCann, Albion .....
Indian Prairie..	....	1	9	4	1	1	..	..	44	500	200	.....	1 19	.....	.....	70 00	1 25	D. L. Staley, Rinard.....	J. P. Asa, Cisney.....
Keenville.....	....	3	...	..	..	..	..	..	79	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	G. W. Blackburn, Keenville.	A. Laughlin, Rinard,.....
Mt. Carmel.....	1891	1	4	2	1	3	2	..	39	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 00	1 00	T. P. Rapson, Mt. Carmel. ..	C. H. Ferrell, Ridgway.....
Mt. Zion.....	1895	..	...	.	..	7	..	1	12	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	B. J. Grubb, Fairfield.....	H. P. Belangie, Sims..... ...
Macedonia.....	1856	3	...	..	..	2	11	1	33	300	200	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	50	S. H. Sams, Parkersburg....	W. C. Stacer, Mt. Erie.....
New Massilon..	....	3	...	2	..	1	..	..	18	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	Miner Atterbery, Mt. Erie..	W. C. Stacer, Mt. Erie.....
Olive Branch....	....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	105	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill ...	....	2	...	..	..	1	..	3	43	.....	....	.....	.....	3 35	.. .	.....	85	W. A. Shannon, Mt. Erie....	W. C. Stacer, Mt. Erie.....
Pleasant Valley	1887	1	...	..	..	1	..	3	15	.....	....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	52 00	60	G. C. Griswold, Mill Shoals..	D. D. Holland, McLeansboro
Salem.....	1858	2	7	4	..	1	2	1	77	1000	300	.....	....	.....	.....	85 00	2 15	F. B. White, Burnt Prairie..	Peter Prince, Thackeray....
Six Mile.....	....	1	24	..	..	1	4	..	71	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	1 50	J. S. Faulkner, Six Mile.....	John Norman, Pigeon.....
Sims.....	1878	3	...	..	..	..	1	1	64	.....	....	2 85	.....	1 10	1 72	6 10	2 00	J. S. Bright, Sims....	W. J. Anderson, Sims.....
Samaria.....	. ..	..	1	1	..	2	8	2	56	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	50	Eli Baley, Albion.....	H. P. Belangie, Sims.....
Unity.....	1885	2	...	1	..	1	..	..	46	.....	....	1 00	50	50	50	50 00	2 00	F. A. Baum, Albion.	W. H. McCann, Albion.....
Ziff.....	. .	1	6	..	..	2	..	2	90	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	W. H Dennis, Ziff..... :	A. Laughlin, Rinard.....
Totals.....	. ..	..	110	21	7	31	31	18	1148	$3940	1450	$5 35	$2 94	5 20	$2 22	$751 10	$24 35		

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O. ADDRESSES——T. W. AND J. T. DICKEY, CASTOR, ILL.; J. P. ASA, RINARD, ILL.; M. W. FUNKHOUSER, NEW HAVEN, ILL.; B. M. GARNER, WAYNE CITY, ILL.

Sunday School Report of Mt. Erie Association

FOR 1896.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O. ADDRESSES.	PASTORS AND P. O. ADDRESSES.	No. of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers.	Scholars Enrolled	Average Attendance.	Conversions in School.	Home Expenses	State Work
Arrington	J. T. Dickey, Castor, Illinois	H. P. Belangie, Sims, Illinois	1	10.	64	62	..	$ 8 37	$ 15
Browns	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Barnhill	No Report		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Bethany	T. S. Fry	D. S. Fry, Johnsonville, Illinois	1	8.	26	15	..	2 00	1 00
Bloom	Harry Utterback, Flora, Illinois	C. S. Crabtree, Flora, Illinois	1	12.	70	50	20	12 35	4 40
Enterprise	Sylvester Howell, Enterprise, Illinois.	A. Laughlin, Rinard, Illinois	1	7.	70	50	..	.....	50
Indian Prairie	L. M. Yates, Rinard, Illinois	J. P. Asa, Enterprise, Illinois	1	12.	40	35	..	8 00	1 00
Keenville	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Macedonia	Martin Marks, Samsville, Illinois	W. C. Stacer, Mt. Erie	1	6.	40	30	..	2 00	.....
Mt. Carmel	T. P. Rapson, Mt. Carmel, Illinois	C. H. Ferrell, Ridgway, Illinois	1	4.	35	24	..	8 29	.....
New Massilon	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Samaria	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Salem	E. Merritt, Burnt Prairie, Illinois	Peter Prince, Thackeray, Illinois	1	8.	70	40	..	3 00	4 05
Six Mile	J. L. Faulker, Six Mile, Illinois	John Norman, Pigeon, Illinois	1	7.	60	61	16	10 00	50
Unity	Marion Bass, Albion, Illinois	W. H. McCann, Albion, Illinois	1	5.	62	16	..	6 42	3 00
Ziff	J. M. Brummitt, Ziff, Illinois	A. Laughlin, Rinard, Illinois	1	9.	60	35	2	10 00	25
Mt. Zion	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Sims	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Grayville	No School		..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
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OFFICERS:

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Order Of Business, 1909.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Reading Letters and Enrollment of Names.
3. Electing Officers.
4. Invitations Given to Visiting Brethern.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Appointments of Committees.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Appointment of Missionary Board.
9. Doctrinal Sermons.
10. Next Annual Meeting Sermon and Doctrinal Sermon.
11. To Appoint Corresponding Messengers.
12. Report of Committees.
13. Miscellaneous Business.

Appointment Of Committee, Or Order Of Business

1. On Religious Exercises.
2. On Domestic Missions.
3. On State Missions.
4. On Sunday Schools.
5. On Home Missions.
6. On Foreign Missions.
7. On Religious Literature,
8. On Education.
9. On Obituaries.
10. On Resolutions,
11. To Write Corresponding Letters.

Officers

W. J. ANDERSON, Moderator - - - - - - - Sims, Illinois
J. S. BRIGHT, Clerk, - - - - - - - - Sims, Illinois

Next Session

Next session will be held with Enterprise Church, Wayne County, Ill. on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1910 at 2 p. m.

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Rules Of Decorum

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present

ART. 3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator, and while speaking, shall confine himself strictly to the subject in debate, and shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject; he shall in nowise reflect on other speakers, but shall plainly give his own views of the case, and when done speaking shall take his seat.

ART. 4. No member of the Association shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 5. No member shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

ART. 6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the person who made the motion.

ART. 7. No member shall address another by any other name than that of Brother.

ART. 8. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he fills the chair.

ART 9. Any person violating any of the foregoing, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the mildness of the Gospel, shall be removed, or such other course shall be taken as the Association may think best.

ART. 10. Alterations or amendments may be made to these rules at any regular meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Constitution Of Mt. Erie Association.

Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Mt. Erie Association and shall be composed of three messengers from each church and the ordained ministers holding membership with said churches together with each one that pays $5.00 a year to Associational missions for five years, the same to be known as life memberships. Their membership in the Association can be continued no longer than they are members of a Missionary Baptist Church in good standing.

Art. 2 It shall be the duty of the several churches of this body to furnish letters certifing as to their messengers, the number in full fellowship, those baptised, received and dismissed by letters, excluded and dead since the last Association, and their number of ordained and licensed ministers, if any, together with their postoffice address and an annual financial report of the church, also the name of the church, clerk and postoffice address, day of church meeting and annual sunday school report.

Art. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and three Trustees, said Moderator, Treasurer and one Trustee to be elected annually and the Clerk for an indefinite time by private ballot, the one receiving the greatest number of votes to be declared elected

Art. 4. When any church desires admittance into this body, application must be made by letter and satisfactory evidtnce furnished of their faith by order. This being done and a vote of their acceptance the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to the messengers, if any present, the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 5. The churches composing this body are expectd to contribute an amount each in proportion to their membership, to defray the expenses of printing minutes, the Clerk and Treasurer to see to printing and distributing the same to the churches in proportion to the amount contributed.

Art. 6. The Association shall have power to drop from her membership any church which may become heterdox in faith or unchristian in practice.

Art. 7. This Association shall be an advisory body, and its object shall be to promote the happiness and prosperity of the churches, and to supply the destitute in our bounds with the preaching of the gospel and to this we give cheerfully of our means as God hath prospered us.

Art. 8. This Association shall have power to adjourn till any time and to any place that may be thought best.

Art. 9. This Association agrees to do all of her business by majority vote, except the reception of churches, which shall be unanimous; alerting or amending tte constitution which may be done by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular meeting of the body.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MT. ERIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD SEPTEMBER, 23, 24, AND 25, 1909, A. D.

The Mt. Erie Baptist Association assembled in its twenty-seventh annual session with the Salem Baptist Church, on Thursday, before the fourth Sunday in September, at 2: p. m.

In the absence of the former Moderator the Association was called to order by Eld. W. J. Anderson.

On motion and seconed Eld W. J. Anderson was elected Moderator Pro-tem and J. S. Bright, Clerk Pro-tem.

After singing and the reading of a Scriptural lesson, the congregation was led in prayer by W. T. Bryden, after which Eld. W. A. Mayberry proceeded to preach the annual sermon, text 16th and 17th verses of the 3rd Chapter of 2nd Timothy. Theme—The Inspiration and Doctrine of the Scripture. The sermon was good and was enjoyed by all.

The letters from the Churches were then read by Eld. W. A. Mayberry and W. T. Bryden, and messengers names enrolled as follows:

Arrington—Eld. J. T. Dickey, Eveline Dickey.
Antioch—Henry Vaughn, J. T. Carter.
Bethany--By letter.
Barnhill—R. L. Atterberry, R. J. Wilson, J. W. Atterberry.
Bloom—Milt Combs, Jerry Purdum, Fred Weir.
Browns—W. T. Bryden, John Felstead, Pluma Brock.
Enterprise—Wm. Grindstaff, Ed. Rechell, L. K. Secrest.
Grayville—J. C. Williams.
Indian Prairie—James Staley, J. F. Yates.
Keenville—G. W. Blackburn, Harry Shewmake, Geo. Sweet.
Mt. Carmel—By letter.
Mt. Zion—J. Watson, G. W. Little.
Macedonia—S. H. Sams, Geo. Ely, Alex Campell.
New Massilion—James Gather, Rachel Gather.
New Zion—Lewis Tucker.
Olive Branch—R. D. Draper, J. W. McThompson, J. B. Richardson.
Pleasant Hill—M. Rogers, Van Stacer, Sam Stacer.
Pin Oak—Marion Gregg, Tracia Robertson.
Salem—J. T. Gwalteny, Fred Lough, F. B White.
Six Mile—S F. Merrit, M. L. Sanders, Fred Faulkner.

Sims—J. A. Gaston, Eva Gaston, Lou Anderson.

Samaria—Ethel Day, Nellie Fewks, Adaline Asa.

Unity—Ora McCann, W H. NcCann.

Union Star—Joe Mathews.

Wayne City—Ben McThompson.

Ziff—Dell Hutson, J. N. Dennis.

Eld. W. J. Anderson then offered his resignation as Clerk of the Association; the same was accepted. The Association then proceeded to elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Eld. W. J. Anderson was elected Moderator, and J. S. Bright, Clerk and Treasurer.

J. T. Gwaltney, Fred Lough and F. B. White were appointed a committee on Divine service.

The committee on Divine service reported that Eld L. Tucker would fill the pulpit at night.

On motion the Association adjourned until 7:30. Prayer by Eld. L. Tucker.

Thursday Night Session, 7:30 P.M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by M. Rogers and Eld. J P. Asa.

Call for admission of new churches, messengers from the Pin Oak Baptist Church came foward and presented a letter desiring admission into this body. After reading their letter, a motion was made and prevailed that they be received.

The following committees were appointed:

On State Missions—Eld. B. F. Rodman, Eld. J. A. Whitson, W. T. Bryden

On Sunday Schools—Eld. H. B. Utterback, Eld. J. P. Richardson and Del Huston.

On Home Missions—Eld. L Tucker, Fred Weir, Eld. J. T. Dickey.

On Foreign Missions—Eld J. O. Raines, Eva Gaston, G. W. Blackburn.

On Religions Literature—Eld. W. A. Mayberry, Eld J. P. Asa, S. T. Merrit.

On Education—Eld. D. F. Marlin. Ora McCann, J. A. Gaston,

On Obitnaries—F. B White, J. N. Dennis, M. Rogers.

On Resolutions—Eld J. P. Richardson, Eld. J. H. Thomason, L. K. Secrest.

To write Corresponding Letter—Eld. J. P. Asa.

Eld. L. Tucker took the stand and proceeded to preach as per arrangement from the 16th verse of the 15th chapter of John. "Theme" Choosing, Ordaining and sending forth. He preached a fine sermon. After the sermon the hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers from Pin Oak Baptist Church. Eld. J. O. Rains led the congregation in prayer.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 A. M.

Prayer by Ed. H. B Utterback,

Friday Morning Session 9:00 A.M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. L. Tucker.

The report of the Mission Board and Missionary was read, received and adopted.

On motion and seconed the same members of the Mission Board was continued for another year, as follows: Eld. W. J. Anderson, Eld. W. A. Mayberry, Eld. J. P. Richardson, Eld. H. B. Utterback, R. J. Wilson, W. T. Bryden, Edward Ray.

At this time Eld. J. T. Dickey proceeded to preach the Doctrinal sermon "Theme" Commnnion. It was surely a good sermon.

The Mission Board retired and organized, then brought in the following report: They elected Eld. W.J. Anderson, Chairnan, W. T, Bryden, Secretary and Treasnrer. The Board recommended that we cooperate with the State Board of the Illinois Baptist Association

We recommend that the Association proceed to select a Missionary for the coming year. We further recommend that the Association proceed at once to raise money for the work by taking life membership, individual and church pledges.

On motion the report of the new Mission Board was adopted.

The Association proceeded to the selection of a Missionary, Eld. Lewis Tucker, was elected. The Association then adjourned untill 1:30

Prayer by Eld. J. B. Hall.

Friday Afternoon Session 1:30 P.M.

Associatinn met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. J. O. Rains.

Visiting brethern were present as follows: Eld. D. F. Marlin, Eld. J. B. Hall, Eld. G. W. Hall, Ada Vaught, Maggie Fulkerson, J. B. Bonner and wife, J. W. Fulkerson, J. A. Vaughn, D. K. Felix and wife, all from Fairfield Association; E. V. Dewey from Salem South; J. O. Raines from Sandy Creek Association, also representing Foreign Missions.

At this time Eld. J. O. Raines and Eld. L. Tucker proceeded to raise pledges for the Associational Mission work. The amount pledged was $520.00.

Enterprise was selected as the place of our next meeting. Eld. J. S. Bright was selected to preach the Annual sermon and Eld. W. A. Mayberry, alternate. Eld. W. A. Mayberry was selected to preach the Doctrinal sermon and Eld. W H. McCann, alternate.

The Association then adjourned until 7:00 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. G. W. Hall.

Friday Night Session 7:00 P.M.

Association met pursnant to adjournment.

Prayer by I. O. Simpson.

Report on Foreign Missions read, recceived and adopted. A collection in cash and pledges was taken for the work amounting to $115.00.

Report on Education read, received and adopted.

At this time Eld. J. O, Rains proceeded to preach. Text, Deut 32:31 He surely preached a fine sermon and produced unanswerable argument as to the Baptist positions.

Association adjourned until 9:00 a. m.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. McCann.

Saturday Morning Session, 9:00 A.M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Joseph Freyman. Corresponding Letter read, received and adopted.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows:

Fairfield Association—Eld. J. P. Richardson, Eld. I. O. Simpson, Eld. L. Tucker.

Salem South—Eld. W. J. Anderson.

Olney—Joseph Freyman.

Louivsille—Bluford May,

Franklin—Eld. W. H, McCann.

Report on Sunday Schools was read, received and adopted.

On motion and second a committee of three were appointed to select a time and place of Sunday School Institute and provided in report just adopted. Eld. H. B. Utterback, Eld. L. Tucker, Eld. J. H. Whitson were appointed.

Report on State Missions read, received and adopted.

Eld. B. F. Rodman was present representing State Missions, also Huddlesons Orphans Home and Illinois Baptist.

A collection was taken at this time for State Missions, amounting to more than $100.00.

We, your committee appointed to select time and place of Sunday School Institute select the following: Thursday before the first Sunday in May, at 2.00 p.m., with the Indian Prairie Church.Signed: L. Tucker, H. B. Utterback, J. H. Whitson.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to arrange a program for the Sunday School Institute as follows: Eld. W, A. Mayberry, Eld H. B. Utterback, Dell Hutson.

Report on Home Missions read,received and adopted.

A resolution was presented and adopted as follows: Resolved, that while we recognize the right of each Baptist Church to contribute through whatever channel it pleases, we, as an Association will co-operate in doing general Home and Foreign Mission work with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.
Prayer by Eld. B. F, Rodman,

Saturday Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by Eld. J P. Richardson.
Report on Religious Literature read,received and adopted.
Report on Obituaries read, received and adopted.
Treasurer's report read, received and adopted.
Report on Resolutions read, received and adopted as follows:
Resolved. That this Association tender its thanks to Salem Church for the hospitality extended to this people at this time. Resolved, That this Association convene on Wednesday, before the fourth Sunday in September instead of Thursday as before.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distribute in proportion to amount paid and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

On motion and second the Moderator was selected as a messenger to Southern Baptist Convention and the Clerk was selected as alternate.

On motion and second Eld. W. J. Anderson was elected as a messenger to the State Association, his expenses to be paid by this Association.

On motion, this Association adjourned to meet with the Enterprise Baptist Church, on Wednesday, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1910 A. D. at 2:00 p. m.

An old time song was sung and the parting hand was expended, the Holy Spirit was manifested and we all went away feeling that it was good to be there and thus closed one of the best meetings the Mt. Erie Association ever had. Brethern, every where don't forget to pray for our Missionary.

Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1909.

Received at Association		$32.60
Money paid—		
For printing minutes	$15.00	
For Clerk hire	10.00	
For former Clerk	3.75	
For Postage and Letters	1.85	
For Stationary	.10	
	$30.70	
Balance on hand		$1.90

W. J. Anderson, Treasurer.

Report of Mission Board and Missionary

We the Mission Board of the Mt. Erie Association beg leave to submit the following report:

We employed Eld. L. Tucker as Missionary at a salary of $700.00 per year. He began work Oct. 2nd, 1908. Labor as follows:

Oct. 2nd, New Zion, labored 2 days, preached 2 sermons, baptized one.

Oct. 13th, Macedonia 21 days, preached 40 sermons, No. of professions 8. added 6 by baptism, Cash $11 90

Nov. 7th, Keenville—Days labored 33, sermons 45 professions 52, approved for baptism 45, added otherwise 2, cash collected $17.00

Dec. 10, Sims—Days labored 17, professions 27, approved for baptism 27, added otherwise 2, sermons preached 21, cash received $35.00.

Jan. 3, Wayne City—Days labored 12, sermons preached 14, professions 2, approved for baptism 2, cash $32.75.

Jan 25th, Pin Oak—Days labored 18, sermons preached 33, professions 11, approved for baptism 6, cash $3.98.

Feb. 17th, Ziff—Days labored 16, sermons preached 21, professions 23, approved for baptism 14, cash $16.08.

March 22nd, visited Bloomfield, Keenville and Pin Oak. Days labored 12, sermons preached 11, approved for baptism 9. On Sunday at 2: p. m. organized the Pin Oak Baptist Church with 17 members.

April 5th, Six Mile—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $10 pledge

April 16th, Unity—Days labored 2, sermons preached 3, cash $1.50 collected on church pledge.

April 19th, Samaria—Days labored 12, sermons preached 18. professions 4, approved for baptism 5, cash $15.31.

May 8th, Antioch—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2.

Salem—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2, cash $2.00.

Barnhill—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2, cash $4.00

Browns—Days labored 3, sermons preached 4, cash $4.50.

Massilon—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2.

Pleasant Hill—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2, cash $.60

May 23rd, Enterprise—Days labored 3, sermons preached 5. cash $5 65.

May 26th, Indian Prairie—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $5.05 collected on church pledge.

Bloom—Days labored 1. sermons preached 1, cash $7.76.

Bethany—Days labored 4, sermons preached 2, cash $11.50.

June 2nd, Unity—Days labored 2, sermons preached 1, cash $1 00.

June 4th, Griffin—Days labored 3, sermons preached 4,cash $9.80.

June 7th, Mt. Carmel—Days labored 1. sermons preached 1, cash $2 00.

June 9th, Olive Branch—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $3.00

June 11th, Mt. Zion—Days labored 3, sermons preached 4, cash $14.00 $10.00 on church pledge.

June 15th, Pin Oak—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $.75.

June 16th, Arrington—Days labored 1, cash $4.00

June 17th, Keenville—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2, cash $3.00.

June 19th, New Zion—Days labored 2, sermons preached 2, cash $1.00.

June 20th, Sims—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $4.50.

June 26th, Six Mile—Days labored 1, cash $3.00.

June 27th, Wayne City—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1,cash $8.25

June 20th, Bloomfield—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1. cash $.25.

June 20th, Union Star—Days labored 1, sermons preached 1, cash $2.50

July 3rd, Pleasant Hill—Days labored 16, sermons preached 23,approved for baptism 3, added otherwise 1.

July 27-9th, Labored with Pleasant Ridge and Pin Oak 3 days.

Aug. 1st, Massilon—Days labored 16, sermons preached 22, professions 6, approved for baptism 8, otherwise 1.

Aug. 22nd, Browns–Days labored 8, sermons preached 10, cash $3.60.

Sept. 2nd, Sims and Keenville—Days labored 3,sermons preached 4, cash $3.60.

Sept 5th, Enterprise—Days labored 16, sermons preached 18, professions 36, approved for baptism 32, otherwise 2, cash $32.00.

CASH RECEIVED——

Church and Individual Pledges	$269.65
Collection on Field	280.42
Received from State Board	185,23
Received from Pledges	99.80
Total	$835.10

PAID OUT—

Eld. L. Tucker	$720.00
State Board	15.30
J. P. Richardson	10.00
J. H. Whitson	9.20
J. H. Thomason	14 75
Total	$759.25

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Report of Eld. Lewis Tucker for the year ending Oct. 1, 1909, where work has been done—Mt. Erie Association:

Days of Service	365
Miles Traveled	9076
Sermons preached	324
Addressses Made	83
Prayer Meetings Held	18
Religious Visits	449
Professions of Faith Witnessed	171

Candidates Approved for Baptism.....164
Persons Baptizec by Self or Other Ministers.....138
Additions by Letter.....4
Additions by Restoration.....6
Additions by Relation.....1
Churches Constituted.....1
Sunday Schools Organized.....6
Life Members Obtained.....5
Personal Pledges Taken.....0
Church Pledges Taken.....2
Subscriptions for Illinois Baptists Taken.....14

LOCATED PASTORS ON THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

Samaria, Bro. J. S. Bright. Massilon, Bro. Thomason. Pleosant Hill, ——- Browns, Bro. Whitson. Enterprise, Bro. Bright.

LEWIS TUCKER, Missionary.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

We would call your attention to the fact that our country is annually being flooded with emigrants, many of whom are ignorant of bible doctrine. We therefore recommend that each church take one or more collections annually for Home Missions, the money to be used as the church may direct.

L. TUCKER
J. T. DICKEY } Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The Illinois Bap tist State Association has been greatly blessed in its work. Last year 38 men were under appointment and. nearly 2000 added to our churches from their labors. The first six months of this year there was 1025 added to our churches. 9 churches have been constituted and 18 sunday schools have been organized, and 41 men have been under appointment this year.

We co-operate with your Mission Board in the support of your local missionarywhose work has been greatly blessed.

We have also aided Grayville and Mt. Carmel churches in support of pastors.

We have expended on field $568.47 and received $241.01 from the field having paid out $327.40 more than received. We rejoice in the work ac-

complished and recommend our Churches to continue their contributions to State Association work.

B. F. Rodman
J. H. Whitson } Committee.
W. T. Brydbn

Report On Foreign Missions

We believe the commission to preach the Gospel was given to a Baptist Church, and that we as Baptists are duly bound under this commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to preach the Gospel to every creature, including those of the various denominations. If the commission to preach the Gospel was given to the Baptist, then if we do not preach it in its fullness, it will not be preached

We especially recommend the work of Brothers' David in Syria, and Isaac in Persia, whom we believe God has raised up and Located on these fields, in order that Bible Baptist Doctrine might be preached. We hope that our Churches may continue to support this work, sending their contributions to Eld. J. O. Raines, Manchester, Ill.

J. O. Raines
G. W. Blackburn } Committee.
Eva Gaston

Report On Sunday Schools

We, your Committee would submit the following report:

We have made some progress during the past year; six new schools have been added to our list. We recommend that our Assocional S. S. Institute be held some time during the coming year. We also recommend that each school organize a Home Department that every family may have good sound Baptist Literature to read.

H. B. Utterback
J. P. Richardson } Committee.
Dell Huston

Report On Education

We appreciate the interest which is now being taken among our brethern for a higher and better education, and we recommend that we do all im our power to aid and assist in this great work. And we also recommend that the parents in the Baptist Church in placing their children in schools, that if possible they place them in Baptist schools And farthermore we recommend Ewing and Cereal Springs worthy of our patronage and support.

D. F. Marlin
J. A. Gastaen } Committee.
O. M. McCann

Report On Religious Literature

We, your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend first of all the reading of the Bible, and a careful study of its truths and doctrine; also of sound Baptist Books, and a sound Baptist Paper in our homes. We also recommend sound Baptist Literature in our sunday schools; and recommend that our pastors encourage the reading of the Bible by getting their people to organize Bible Reading Classes for the study of the bible in their homes.

W. A. Mayberry
J. P. Asa } Committee.
S. F. Merritt

AMENDMENT: We especially recommend the Illinois Baptist as our paper.

Report On Obituaries

We, your Committee on obituaries report as follows:

Our members who have died during the past year are: Samaria, one Ida Potter, age 18 years. Olive Branch, one Elizabeth Buchanan, age 73 years. New Zion, one Warner Calvin, age 50 years Macedonia, two John Rogers, age 71 years, Mary A. Stone, age 84 years. Arrington, two, Joshua Robbins, Ortha Lawrence. Mt. Zion, one, Mary J. Grove. Bethany, one, Wm. Fry, age 81 years. Wayne City, one, Mrs Noah Brown. Barnhill, one, Mrs. E. Puckett, age about 30 years. New Massilon, two, Sarah Pruiett, age 73 years, James Pruiett,age 64 years.

While many hearts have been made sad on account of the visitation of the death angel, yet we bow in humble submission of the will of the Lord, trusting that we shall again meet our departed brethern and sisters around the throne of God, where parting and death shall be no more forever.

F. B. White
Milton Rogers } Committee.
J. N. Dennis

Corresponding Letter, 1909

To the Brothers and Sisters of Associations with which we correspond-Greeting:

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that our lives have been spared to meet with Salem Church, in our Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting.

We have many things this year to be thankful for. We extend our heartfelt thanks for the way Salem Church and friends have cared for us while among them, and pray the blessings of God to be with them and their beloved pastor in the salvation of many precious souls.

Signed by the Chmmittee, J. P. Asa

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN MT. ERIE ASSOCIATION

Anderson J. W.....Sims
Asa J. P.....Albion
Atterberry W. N.....Cisne
Dickey T. W. .....Sims
Dickey J. T. ....Wayne City
Davis A.....Fairfield
Bright J. S. .....Sims
Esmonds B. D.....Keens
Hall J. B.....Keens
Jones J. T.....Xenia
Mayberry W. A.....Wayne City
Mayberry Wm.....Wayne City
Myers A.....Wayne City
Richardson E. P.....Wayne City
Richardson J. P.. .....Wayne City
Shewmake Jake..... .....Johnsonville
Simbson I. O..... Bell City
Skinner S. R.....West Salem
Tucker Lewis.....Sims
Thomason J. H.....Sims
Utterback H. P.....Flora
Whitson J. H.....Sims
Yates J. F..... .....Rinard
Prince A. E.....Fairfield
Heidinger G. L.....Oxley, Mo
McCann W. H.....Albion

Sunday School Report for 1909

Names of Churches	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars Enrolled	Total Membership	Average Attendance	Number Baptised from School	School Expenses	Superintendents and P. O. Addresses in Illinois
Arrington	1	10	55	65	42	3	$ 5 79	Curt Dickey....Sims
Antioch	1	11	54	65	35	5	7 00	Charles Walters....Fairfield
Bethnay	1	7	33	40	18	5	8 50	S. D. Tennison....Rinard
Bloom	1	10	96	106	48	15	24 97	Fred Weir....Flora
Barnhill	1	6	90	96	55	8	20 00	J. W. Atterberry....Fairfield
Enterpise	1	9	72	81	40	10	2 34	L. K, Secrest....Cisne
*Grayville	1	9	93	103	85		10 00	J. E. Feverston....Grayville
Indian Prairie	1	10	40	50	30	6	10 00	Ira Mix....Rinard
Keenville	1	8	80	88	50			G. M. Sweet....Keens
Mt. Zion	1	15	33	48	25		7 00	Lew Grove....Fairfield
*Mt. Carmel	1	7	72	72	40			J D. McClure....Mt. Carmel
New Zion	1	6			31		2 00	Wash Cravens....
Olive Branch	1	8	60	68	40	9	16 00	J.W. McThompson..WayneCity
Pleasant Hill	1	7	33	40	30		5 00	Van R. Stacer....Mt. Erie
Pin Oak	1	8	40	48	30		4 00	G. H. Tunnel....Sims
Six Mile	1	10	87	97	55	11	15 00	J. L. Faulkner....Keenes
Samaria	1	5	74	79	34		4 00	Felix Stenett....Albion
Sims	1	7	125	125	69	15	38 28	L. E. Baker....Sims
Unity	1	3	25	25	15		3 00	Charles Woodham....Albion
Wayne City	1	14	141	155	58	2	74 00	Charles N. Means...Wayne City
Ziff	1	7	68	75	35	5	12 00	T. P. Eppert....Cisne
	21	177	1371	1526	865	94	$258.90	

*From last years report.

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Statistical Table for the Year of 1909.

Names of Churches.	Date Organized.	Membership Last Year.	Increase			Decrease			Present Membership.	Local Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Aged Ministers' Home.	Orphans' Home.	Objects.	Other Benficent	Printing Minutes.	Expenses.	Home Church	Property.	Value of Church	Names of Clerks and P. O. Addresses in Illinois	Names of Pastors and P. O. Adresses in Illinois
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Relation.	By Letter.	By Death.	By Exclusion.																
Arrington		52	16	1		1	2	1	60	$ 9 00	$	$	$ 2 30	$	$	$		$1 00	$ 84 45		$ 500	E. W. Dickey....Johnsonville	W. A. Mayberry WayneCity
Antioch	1872	66	11			1			76	20 50	25 00							1 25	108 00		1000	Wm. Johnson Burnt Prairie	H. B. Utterback....Flora
Bloom	1860	95	19	1		1		7	106	44 00	27 00		22 59					1 50	107 28		900	Geo. McLaughlin....Flora	W. A. Mayberry WayneCity
Barnhill	1876	90	15	2	6	8	1		104	22 00	5 00		5 00					2 00	138 31		800	J. W. Atterbery....Fairfield	W. H. McCann....Albion
Bethany	1875	42	5	1	1	1	1	3	44	10 00	10 00		7 50					1 00	75 00		1075	F. M. Fry....Xenia	J. P. Asa....Albion
Browns	1887	18			1			1	18	12 75	3 00							75	15 00		650	Pluma Brock....Browns	J. H. Whitson....Sims
Enterprise	1881	28	29	1	1		2		57	36 00								2 00	199 66		800	L. K. Secrest....Cisne	J. S. Bright....Sims
Grayville		182							182									1 50				F. C. Maney....Grayville	D. F Marlin....Grayville
Indian Prairie	1850	101	8			1			108	10 00			1 50					1 50	116 00		1000	L. M. Yates....Rinard	W. A. Mayberry WayneCity
Keenville		20	33		2	2	2		50	27 00								1 25	110 00		400	G. W. Blackburn....Keenes	J. B Hall....Keenes
Mt. Carmel		62							50	5 00	10 00											Mrs. I.E. Fisher...Mt. Carmel	G. D.Hendrickson Mt.Carmel
Mt. Zion		74				3	1	1	69	10 00		10 00		1 00				1 00	125 00		540	B. J. Grubb....Fairfield	J. F. Yates....Rinard
Macedonia		48	6				2		52									1 25	73 00		400	Geo. F. Ely....West Salem	W. J. Anderson....Sims
New Massiloin	1884	25	5			3	2	2	23									1 00				W. A. Shelby....Golden Gate	J. H. Thomason....Sims
New Zion	1903	33	1				1		33	5 00								50	47 00		625	W. S Harris....Wayne City	J. F Yates....Rinard
Olive Branch	1873	179	24	4		7	1		199	17 00								2 00	95 19		800	C. W. Thomason Wayne Cy.	I. O. Simpson....Garrison
Pleasant Hill		32	3	1		3			33									50	37 00		500	W. A. Shannon....Mt. Erie	J. H. Thomason....Sims
Pin Oak	1909								17	13 75					1 55	3 00		1 00	36 00			J. L. Gregg ....Sims	J. S. Bright....Sims
Salem	1858	96	5			1		5	95	10 00	68 00					5 00		1 50	125 00		800	F. B. White....Burnt Prairie	W. J Anderson....Sims
Six Mile		93	23	3		1		4	113	20 00	10 00							1 50	197 00		400	J. S. Faulkner....Keenes	C. Richardson....Opdyke
Sims	1878	168	55	2	8	22		5	206	75 00	55 10		22 50		7 00	220 85	3 00		343 62		1100	L. F. Tunnel....Sims	J. D. Hooker..McCleansboro
Sumaria		56	5			1	1		59	19 52					2 40	2 00			87 33		300	Ed Collins....Ellery	J. S. Bright....Sims
Unity	1885	58							58									75			500	J. A. McCann ....Albion	
Union Star	1900	26		1				1	26	3 00								75	59 25		125	Francis Mathews Wayne Cy.	J. T. Dickey....Wayne City
Wayne City	1901	137	2	2	1		1	2	139	10 00	10 00		4 40		10 00			2 00	275 00		1100	Chas. N Means Wayne City	W. H McCann....Albion
Ziff	1867	45	10						55		10 00		1 20					1 00	89 00		1000	C. O. McConnell....Cisne	W. A. Atterberry....Cisne
		1,726	275	19	20	56	17	32	2,032	$379.52	$233.10	$10	$66 99	$1.00	$18 95	$230 85	$31.50	$2463.08	$14815.				